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## NAVAL BATTLE OF MANILA

The Ships on Both Sides and Their Descriptions.

By Numbers About an Even Thing—United States Had the Advantage in Tonnage and Guns.

Below are lists of the respective American and Spanish ships engaged at Manila. Computation gives the United States tonnage at 22,862 tons, allowing an aggregate of 1500 tons for the three vessels for which figures are wanting. The Spanish tonnage was 18,077, or 4785 tons less than the American. Giving nothing to the United States collier and supply vessel, the armament of Commodore Dewey's squadron was 138 guns of all kinds. That of the Spanish flotilla was 106 guns, allowing the improvised cruiser L-la de Mindanao six. Afloat, according to these figures, the United States had large advantages in both ships and guns. Her ships were besides in the main of more modern construction and equipment. It is to be remembered, however, that the American fleet had to run the gauntlet of thickly strewn submarine mines and torpedoes, and when it closed in for action had to sustain the hot fire of the forts under which the Spaniards had taken refuge. On the whole the Americans had the odds against them, and nothing can detract from the dash and gallantry with which Commodore Dewey led his forces on to glorious victory. Here are the lists of the ships on both sides, given in a Washington dispatch of the 1st inst.:

### United States Ships.

Olympia—First class protected cruiser, 5800 tons; launched in 1892; speed, 21.69 knots; battery, four 8 inch, ten 5 inch rapid fire, fourteen 6 pounders, seven 1 pounders and four machine guns.

Baltimore—Second rate, 4600 tons; speed, 20.6 knots; battery, four 8 inch, six 6 inch rifles, four 6 pounders rapid fire, two 3 pounders, two 1 pounders, two 1.8 inch, two 1.4 inch and two machine guns.

Boston—Second rate, 3189 tons; speed, 15 knots; battery, two 8 inch, six 6 inch rifles, two 6 pound rapid fire, two 3 pounders, two 1 pounders, two 1.8 inch, two 1.4 inch and two machine guns.

Raleigh—Second class, 3183 tons; speed, 19 knots; battery, one 6 inch and ten 5 inch rapid fire rifles, eight 6 pounders, four 1 pounders and two machine guns.

Concord—Third rate, 1700 tons; speed, 17 knots; battery, six 6 inch, two 6 pounder rapid fire, two 3 pounders, one 1 pounder and four machine guns.

Petrel—Fourth rate, 890 tons; speed, 13 knots; battery, four 6 inch guns, two 3 pounder rapid fire, one 1 pounder and four machine guns.

M'Clulloch—Revenue cutter, four 6 pounders.

Nanchang—Collier.  
Zafiro—Supply vessel.

### Spanish Ships.

Reina Cristina—Second rate, 3520 tons; built, 1886; speed 17 knots; battery, six 6.2 inch Honoria guns, two 2.7 inch and three 2.2 inch rapid fire rifles, six 1.4 inch and two machine guns.

Castilla—Second rate, 3342 tons; built in 1881; speed, 14 knots; battery, four 5.9 inch Krupp's, two 4.7 inch, two 3.3 inch, four 2.9 inch, eight rapid fire and two machine guns.

Velasco—Third rate, 1152 tons; battery, three 5.9 inch Armstrong, two 2.7 inch Honorias and two machine guns.

Don Antonio de Ulloa and Don Juan de Austria—Third rate, each 1130 tons; speed, 14 knots; battery, four 4.7 inch Honorias, three 2.2 inch rapid fire, two 1.5 inch and two machine guns.

General Lezo and El Cano—Gun vessels, 524 tons; built, 1885; speed, 11.5 knots; the General Lezo has two Honoria rifles of 4.7 inch caliber, one 3.5 inch, two small rapid fires and one machine gun; El Cano, three 4.7 inch guns, two small rapid fires and two machine guns.

Marques Del Duero—Dispatch boat, 500 tons; one smooth bore, 6.2 inch caliber, two 4.7 inch smooth bores and one machine gun.

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